

Claim Amendments

Please make the following amendments to the claims:

- 1 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optical system, comprising:
2 a first micromirror array, comprising micromirrors and non-mirrored
3 regions, wherein the micromirrors and the non-mirrored regions of the first
4 micromirror array are alternately disposed in a checkerboard-like arrangement;
5 a second micromirror array, comprising micromirrors and non-mirrored
6 regions, wherein the micromirrors and the non-mirrored regions of the second
7 micromirror array are alternately disposed in a checkerboard-like arrangement
8 and the second micromirror array is complementary to the first micromirror
9 array; and
10 a ray-forming device, wherein the ray-forming device separates a light
11 image into image components, wherein a first image component is received by
12 the first micromirror array, a second image component is received by the second
13 micromirror array, a third image component sent from the first micromirror array
14 and a fourth image component sent from the second micromirror array are
15 combined at the ray-forming device to produce a composite image with a perfect
16 or nearly perfect fill factor.
- 1 2. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 1, wherein the ray-forming
2 device is a beam splitter.
- 1 3. (CANCELLED) The optical system of claim 1, wherein the
2 micromirrors and the non-mirrored regions of the first micromirror array are
3 alternately disposed in a checkerboard-like arrangement.

1 4. (CANCELLED) The optical system of claim 3, wherein the
2 micromirrors and the non-mirrored regions of the second micromirror array are
3 alternately disposed in a checkerboard-like arrangement and the second
4 micromirror array is complementary to the first micromirror array.

1 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The optical system of claim 1, wherein each
2 micromirror further comprising a control and support region comprising at least a
3 mirror support post, support circuitry, and pads, wherein the mirror support post
4 is disposed beneath the micromirror, ~~[[but]]~~ and the support circuitry and pads
5 are disposed not beneath the micromirror, but beneath a non-mirrored region
6 adjacent to the micromirror.

1 6. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 1, wherein the micromirrors are
2 square in shape.

1 7. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 1, wherein the micromirrors are
2 circular in shape.

1 8. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 1, wherein the ray-forming
2 device further comprises transparent surfaces and reflective surfaces, in which
3 the transparent surfaces are alternately disposed adjacent to the reflective
4 surfaces in a checkerboard-like arrangement.

1 9. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 1, wherein the composite image
2 is displayed.

1 10. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 1, wherein the composite image
2 is projected.

1 11. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 1, further comprising a
2 birefringent crystal, wherein the first image component and the second image
3 component are produced by the birefringent crystal.

1 12. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 1, further comprising a system
2 of mirrors, wherein the first image component and the second image component
3 are produced by the system of mirrors.

1 13. (CANCELLED) The optical system of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a third micromirror array, comprising micromirrors and non-mirrored
3 regions;
4 a fourth micromirror array, comprising micromirrors and non-mirrored
5 regions.

1 14. (ORIGINAL) An optical system, comprising:
2 a first microshutter array, comprising transparent and opaque regions;
3 a second microshutter array, comprising transparent and opaque regions;
4 and
5 a ray-forming device, wherein the ray-forming device separates a light
6 image into image components, wherein a first image component is received by
7 the first microshutter array, a second image component is received by the
8 second microshutter array, a third image component sent from the first
9 microshutter array and a fourth image component sent from the second
10 microshutter array are combined at the ray-forming device to produce a
11 composite image with a fill factor of one hundred or nearly one hundred percent.

1 15. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 14, wherein the ray-forming
2 device is a beam splitter.

1 16. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 14, wherein the transparent and
2 the opaque regions of the first microshutter array are alternately disposed in a
3 checkerboard-like arrangement.

1 17. (ORIGINAL) The optical system of claim 16, wherein the transparent and
2 the opaque regions of the second microshutter array are alternately disposed in
3 a checkerboard-like arrangement and the second microshutter array is
4 complementary to the first microshutter array.

1 18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method, comprising:
2 receiving a light image into a ray-forming device;
3 separating the light image into first and second image components by the
4 ray-forming device;
5 receiving the first image component by a first micromirror array, the first
6 micromirror array comprising alternately disposed micromirrors and non-
7 micromirrors, wherein the first image component is reflected off [[a plurality of]]
8 the micromirrors [[in the first micromirror array]] to produce a third image
9 component;
10 receiving the second image component by a second micromirror array, the
11 second micromirror array comprising alternately disposed second micromirrors
12 and second non-micromirrors, the arrangement of second micromirrors and
13 second non-micromirrors being complementary to the arrangement of
14 micromirrors and non-micromirrors, wherein the second image component is
15 reflected off [[a plurality of]] the second micromirrors [[in the second
16 micromirror array]] to produce a fourth image component; and
17 combining the third and fourth image components together as a
18 composite image, wherein the composite image has a substantially perfect fill
19 factor.

- 1 19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
2 projecting the composite image.
- 1 20. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
2 displaying the composite image.
- 1 21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A micromirror array, comprising:
2 a non-mirrored surface, one of a plurality of non-mirrored surfaces;
3 a micromirror, wherein the micromirror is part of a plurality of
4 micromirrors which are alternately disposed with the plurality of non-mirrored
5 surfaces in a checkerboard-like pattern, the micromirror being associated with
6 the non-mirrored surface; and
7 a control and support region, one of a plurality of control and support
8 regions, one for each of the plurality of micromirrors, wherein each control and
9 support region comprising a micromirror support post, support circuitry, and
10 pads;
11 wherein the micromirror support post is disposed beneath the micromirror while
12 the support circuitry and the pads are not disposed beneath the micromirror, but
13 are instead disposed beneath the associated non-mirrored surface.
- 1 22. (ORIGINAL) The micromirror array of claim 21, wherein the micromirror
2 is square in shape.
- 1 23. (ORIGINAL) The micromirror array of claim 21, wherein the micromirror
2 is circular in shape.